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I. FROM THE RESEARCH FRONT**Matsya Shikari released 22 numbers of Olive Ridley sea turtles**

During the month of December 2013, the survey vessel *MFV Matsya Shikari* attached to the Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam released 22 numbers of Olive Ridley Sea Turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea* (Eschscholtz, 1829). All the sea turtles (17

female and 5 male), accidentally caught in the 34 m shrimp trawl and 34 m demersal fish trawl were safely released into the sea in live condition. The scientist participant recorded their morphometric measurements and weight for further studies. Turtles released were within the range of 41 cm - 61 cm carapace length. *MFV Matsya Shikari* was carrying out her demersal resource survey in the area 17°N & 18°N. The Olive ridley sea turtle is widely distributed in the highest densities in the northern Indian Ocean. On the east coast of India, the major nesting grounds for Olive ridley are in Odisha. They are also frequently observed in the seashores of Andhra Pradesh during nesting season. According to the sea turtle conservation, population census and monitoring (A GOI – UNDP project, 2003) many populations of sea turtles are clearly in need of conservation. The marine turtles are included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 and are classified as Vulnerable according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). They are listed as critically endangered or threatened in world conservation Union Red list. The depletion of these natural resource causes ecological imbalance, which further leads to affect the existence of life on the earth.

(Communicated by Shri A. Siva, Sr. Scientific Assistant, Visakhapatnam Base of FSI)

II. OUTREACH AND TRAINING**a) The Stakeholders' Consultation on duration of the Fishing Ban period**

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India had constituted a Technical Committee (TC) to *Review the duration of the Fishing Ban Period and to Suggest Further Measures to Strengthen the Conservation and Management Aspects*. It was decided to conduct stakeholders' consultation in all Maritime states and UT's for elucidating the views of the fisheries interest groups on various aspects of fishing ban and conservation measures.

Accordingly, a consultation was organized on 1 October 2013 at Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) for seeking the views of the fishery stakeholders' in the State of Maharashtra. This programme was jointly organized by CMFRI and FSI. A structured questionnaire had been prepared in the local language and circulated to all the stakeholders for expressing the opinion on relevant aspects of the subject. Seventy stakeholders from all the five marine districts were participated in the consultation. Stakeholders actively participated in the discussion and expressed their views on Fishing Ban period. The summary will be communicated to the Technical Committee for the national level consolidation. The Technical Committee will finalize the recommendations based on the outputs of consultations from different maritime states.

b) Participation in Global Kokan Festival 2013 -14

The Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) had participated in the *Global Kokan Festival 2013 -14* during the period from 14-17 December 2013 at CIDCO Ground, Navi Mumbai. The Exhibition was organised by Kokan Bhoomi Pratishthan, Mumbai for creating awareness among the people about fisheries. Models of fishing gears, boats and charts on survey activities, survey fleets, fishing methods and fishery resources etc. were displayed in the exhibition. Altogether around 1000 people including students



from different colleges and schools were benefited by the exhibition.

c) Strengthening of Database and Geographical information



As a part of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on *Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System for the Fisheries Sector*, a two day training – cum- workshop on Strengthening of Data Collection and Fish Taxonomy in Marine fisheries was conducted for the Enumerators and Fisheries officials, Directorate of Fisheries , Kerala on 29 and 30 October 2013 at the Institute of Management in Government, Thiruvantapuram. The workshop was inaugurated by Smt. Mini Antony, IAS, Director of Fisheries, Kerala. A total of 30 fisheries officials including 9 newly recruited Data Enumerators participated in the training workshop.

Field identification of *Marine fishes and other organisms* and *CMFRI Methodology* on sample collection were the key aspects dealt during the training programme.

d) Regional workshop at Jamnagar, Gujarat



A regional workshop and an Exhibition on *Marine Fishery Resources of Gujarat and Diversified Fishing Methods* was organised by Mumbai Base of Fishery Survey of India at Jamnagar, Gujarat on 26 November 2013. The workshop was organised to share the vital information on Fishery resources of Gujarat. Need to conserve the Marine fishery resources was the focal point of the deliberation. The workshop was benefited to more than 125 fishermen and State fisheries officials of Gujarat.

e) Regional Workshop at Puducherry



Chennai Base of the Fishery Survey of India organised a one day regional workshop on *Marine Fishery Resources of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu coasts* at Fishery Harbour complex, Thenaithittu, Puducherry on 29 November 2013. Scientists of Fishery Survey of India, Chennai presented papers on *Fishery Resources of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu* in local language. To create awareness on responsible fishing practices was the main agenda of the programme. Around 160 fishermen and State Government officials were attended the workshop. The exhibition arranged by the department was another attraction of the programme.

III. Shri. Premchand took over charge of the Director General, Fishery Survey of India



Shri Premchand, Deputy Director General (Fy), Fishery Survey of India took over charge of the Director General from Dr. K. Vijayakumaran on 10 October 2014. Shri Premchand joined in the Fishery Survey of India on 13 September 1979 was instrumental in implementation of fishery resource survey programmes of the institute.

He served as an Officer in-charge of Porbandar Base and Vishakhapatnam Base before taking charge of Deputy Director General (Fy), Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai. After taking over the charge as Director General, he addressed the staff of Fishery survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) and assured that he will wholeheartedly work for the implementation of the fishery resource survey programme of the Institute. Effort will be made to transform the Fishery Survey of India to a leading fishery research organisation of the country by paying more attention to the

research works of the Institute. Emphasis will be given to the departmental activities and to the day to day activities of the Institute, he added.

IV. HALF YEARLY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES (ROSA) MEETING

The Half yearly Review of Operational and Scientific Activities (ROSA) meeting of Fishery Survey of India was held on 15 November, 2013 at Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India, Mormugao. Shri Premchand, Director General, Fishery Survey of India presided the meeting. In his presidential address he expressed his sincere gratitude to all the Officers who had extended the assistance towards achieving the mandate of the department.

The officer in- charge of the Base offices presented the report on performance of vessel, implementation of resource survey programme and other activities carried out by the Base. Participating in the discussion, the Chairman suggested that all the Bases have to implement the programme by proper planning at the Base level and thereby overcome the lacunae in implementation of the proposed programme. The Scientific activities carried out by the scientists of each Base were reviewed and meeting decided to encourage the scientists for publication of results in the form of research papers. The members reviewed the progress of the Inter-institutional collaborative projects and decided to improve the performance of the projects. He also informed that the FSI conducted four trainers training programme on *Moving towards Sustainability* at Chennai, Kochi, Mangalore and Goa. Considering the overwhelming response from the participants, FSI is planning to conduct similar programmes in the remaining Maritime States, he added. The extension activities of the Institute was reviewed and decided to organise more such activities in order to disseminate the scientific information on resources to the stakeholders. Meeting also discussed various administrative aspects and accounts matter connected to the programme implementation.

V. Implementation of Official Language Scheme:

Aashirwad Smriti Chihn

Smt. Meera Vellan Rajiv, Jr. Hindi Translator, Fishery Survey of India (HQ) was honoured with *Aashirwad Smriti Chihn* for contribution in implementation of Hindi in Official work. The prize was received by her during the 22nd *Aashirwad Rajbhash Sammelan* held on 27 September 2013 at Doordarshan Kendra, Worli, Mumbai.

Participation in Computer Training Programme.

Deptt. of Official Language, Central Hindi Training Sub Institute, CBD, Belapur, Navi Mumbai organised a five days training programme on Basic Training for working in

Hindi on computers. Shri N.V. Ramana Murthy, System Analyst, Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) attended the training programme conducted during 09 December 2013 to 13 December 2013. Smt. Meera Vellan Rajiv, Jr. Hindi Translator and Kum. Rajashree Sanadi, Sr. Scientific Asstt. Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) attended the training programme conducted during 30 December 2013 to 03 January 2014.

Hindi Workshop

- A one day Hindi Workshop was organized on 3 December 2013 at FSI, Mumbai (HQ) in association with the Hindi Teaching Scheme, Navi Mumbai. Dr. Sunita Yadav, Asstt. Director delivered a lecture on *Noting and Drafting*. Practical training to overcome the difficulties encountered while working in Hindi was the focal point of the workshop.
- One day Hindi Workshop on *Official Language Implementation* was conducted on 30 December 2013 at Mormugao Base. Smt. Manisha Kamble, Official Language Supervisor, Airport Authority of India, Vasco, Goa delivered a lecture on the topic.
- A one day Hindi Workshop was conducted by Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India on 30 December 2013. Smt. Neeti Sundari, Hindi Translator, Secretariat, Andaman and Nicobar Administration was the resource person on the above occasion. She spoke on the topic *Noting and Drafting for day to day official works*.
- Hindi workshop was conducted at Conference hall of Visakhapatnam Base of Fishery Survey of India on 20 December 2013. Shri T. Mahadeva Rao, Dy. Manager, Raj Bhasha, HPCL, Visakhapatnam delivered a lecture on *Hindi usage in Govt. Office* during the workshop.

VI. Participation in Training/Seminar/Workshop/Symposium/Meetings/ Conferences:

International

- Dr A. Anrose, Zonal Director participated in the Fifteenth IOTC Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT) held at San Sebastian, Spain during 23-28 October 2013 and presented a paper on *A comparison of changes in the exploration and exploitation of oceanic tuna resources in the Indian EEZ in 1970-2012*
- Dr J. Jeyachandra Dhas, Jr. Fisheries Scientist participated in the training workshop on *Otolith based aging of fish and stock assessment 2013* hosted by India Ocean RIM- Association for Regional co operation (IOR- ARC) Fisheries Support Unit (FSU), Muscat, Sultanate of Oman during 23-31 October 2013
- Shri Premchand, Director General, Fishery Survey of India (FSI), Mumbai participated and presented *India's National report to the Scientific Committee of the IOTC* in the Sixteenth Session of the Scientific Committee of India Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) held at Busan, Republic of Korea during 2 – 6 December, 2013

National

- Shri. H.D. Pradeep, Fisheries Scientist attended the *Interactive Workshop on People, Forest and wildlife conservation* and presented a paper on the *Marine fish wealth on Andaman and Nicobar Islands* on the occasion of *59th wildlife week* organized by Department of Forest, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Port Blair at Mini Zoo Auditorium on 07 October 2013.
- Miss Rajashree B. Sanadi, Sr Scientific Assistant, Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai (HQ) and Shri A. Siva, Senior Scientific Assistant, Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam participated in the training workshop on *Communicating Science Effectively – Scientific Writing* organized by BOBLME – MBAI at Hotel Travancore Court, Kochi, Kerala during 14-17 October 2013 and 18-21 November 2013
- Smt. Rajashree K. Menden, Office Superintendent; Smt. P. Mallika, Office Superintendent; Smt. K. K. Ambika, Office Superintendent and Smt. Archana N. Pradhan, Upper Division Clerk attended the Training Programme on *Roster Maintenance and Reservation & Concession* at Regional Training Centre, Mumbai from 03 December 2013 to 05 December 2013
- Dr. S.K. Naik, Zonal Director attended an *Awareness camp on Conservation of Olive ridley turtle protection measures in East coast of Andhra Pradesh* at District Collector's Conference Hall, Visakhapatnam on 10 December 2013
- Shri Edward Kerketta, Office Superintendent; Shri G. P. Pawale, Office Superintendent; Shri N. S. Madlani, Upper Division Clerk and Shri P. V. Latheesh, Upper Division Clerk attended the training programme on *Right to information Act, 2005* at Regional Training Centre, Mumbai on 16 December 2013
- Shri J. G. Ohal, Assistant Accounts Officer; Shri Santhosh Babu P.P., Upper Division Clerk and Shri Amal Krishna Haldar, Upper Division Clerk attended the training programme on *Income Tax on Salaries* at Regional Training Centre, Mumbai on 19 December 2013
- Shri Arun Dev was appointed to the post of Jr. Deckhand w. e. f. 20.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri X. Thinesh was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 25.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri X. John Joblicks was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 25.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri. Tapash Das was appointed to the post of Net mender w. e. f. 12.12. 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri. M. Siva Kumar was appointed to the post of Net mender w. e. f. 12.12. 2013 at Port Blair Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Ankit Kumar was appointed to the post of Lower Division Clerk w. e. f. 16.12.2013 at Mumbai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Vikramdithya Singh was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 31.12.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India

Transfer/ Promotion

- Shri. Madhu K.L, Skipper was transferred from Port Blair Base to Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India

Retirements:

- Shri R.K. Jena, Daftry Visakhapatnam Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri E. A. Anilkumar, Chief Engineer Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri C. Chandran, Fitter Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on Superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri M. G. Thulasidas, Slipway Worker Kochi Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri K. P. Sarasan, Service Assistant Kochi Base (MED) of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri Ratnakar Jena, Daftry Visakhapatnam Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 31.10.2013
- Shri T. A. Shanmughan, Skipper Mumbai Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 30.11.2013
- Shri K.R.K. Pillai, Sr. Deckhand Mormugao Base of Fishery Survey of India retired on superannuation on 30.11.2013

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Appointments

- Shri Prem Kumar was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 18.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Akbar was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 18.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India
- Shri Amol Kumar Jha was appointed to the post of Sr. Deckhand w. e. f. 19.11.2013 at Chennai Base of Fishery Survey of India